

REMARKS

Claims 1-29, 31 and 36 have been canceled and claims 30 and 35 have been amended. Thus, claims 30 and 32-35 are currently pending in the application.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Saab 5,624,392 in view of Saringer 5,895,418, Utterberg et al. 6,383,158, Noda et al 6,146,411 and Hyatt 4,800,823. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 30 to recite that the step of providing a circuit includes a circuit comprising, among other structure, a bulkhead including a pump head and a reservoir. None of the art cited, taken alone or in combination teach or even suggest such a circuit having a bulkhead that includes a pump head and a reservoir that is also in fluid communication with an external heat exchanger and heat exchange catheter such that fluid pumped by the pump head is circulated through the heat exchange catheter and the external heat exchanger.

Claim 35 was amended to recite that the pump head is operated by an electric motor, thus properly referring back to the amendment made in claim 30, from which claim 35 depends. No new matter was added by any of the amendments made to any of the pending claims. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 30 as amended is now allowable over the cited art, and requests the rejection be withdrawn and that claim 30, and claims 32-35 dependent therefrom be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above amendments and arguments, or any suggestions for further amending the claims to obtain allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney, John Fitzgerald, at 310-242-2667.

Please charge any additional fees payable in connection with this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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